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This whole jihad against Microsoft by varied government officials at the behest of Microsoft's competitors has been ill advised, corrupt and unproductive. It has harmed the company, harmed our international leadership in technology, harmed how young people view a career in technology, harmed the consumer with legal fees added to product cost, and introduced the attempt to have technical elegance determined by states' attorney generals.

Do not let the zealots and the cynics determine the fate of Microsoft's ability to delivery complex solutions. Look at the strides being made in China with wireless and you will see what can happen quickly if we weaken our own ability to provide large scale solutions. I am old enough to have learned to drive in a beautiful 1960 Buick convertible. Within a few years I watched the automobile industry's ability to product a decent car greatly decline relative to our competitors and saw the takeover of our main industrial hallmark by foriegn companies. We have had to wait for Microsoft to create an American world competitive flagship company to again provide the ability to command domestic and world markets.

Because this case is about the fragility of intellectual property, the old rules do not always apply and should not be allowed to push an American success story into mediocrity.

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